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On instructions from my Government and further to our earlier correspondence concerning Iranian infractions and violations of the cease-fire, I have the honour to inform you of a further series of such acts carried out by the Iranian side in violation of Security Council resolution 598 (1987), as follows:

1. Between 15 and 25 March 1991, the Iranian side established a presence at infantry platoon strength on the Sanubah slope at geographical coordinates 508506 inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Mandali). The Iranian side also established a presence at infantry section strength at hill 643 at geographical coordinates 852181 in the area of separation in the central sector (map of Mandali).

2. At 1045 hours on 21 July 1991, a group from the Iranian side estimated at 15 individuals, including two wearing civilian clothing, was observed building three guard posts out of sand bags at geographical coordinates 613325 to the south of Kani-Shaykh in the area of separation in the central sector (map of Mandali).

3. On 21 July 1991, the Iranian side set up a single-barrel machine-gun at geographical coordinates 115742 opposite the Sudur control post in the area of separation in the central sector (map of Zorbatiyah).

4. At 2210 hours on 23 July 1991, the Iranian side constructed a monitoring post opposite the Darraji control post manned by six individuals at geographical coordinates 128724 in the area of separation in the central sector.

5. At 0950 hours on 24 July 1991, two helicopters from the Iranian side were observed hovering for five minutes over the town of Mehran and then returning towards the rear in the central sector.

6. At 1000 hours on 24 July 1991, an Iranian helicopter was observed coming from the rear and landing at the Naft-e-Shah Company at geographical coordinates 459641 in the area of separation in the central sector.

7. At 2100 hours on 25 July 1991, a group of individuals from the Iranian side approached the Firoz Khan bridge and laid a mixed minefield at outlying positions at geographical coordinates 546238 in the area of separation in the central sector (map of Qasr-e Shirin).

8. At 2200 hours on 26 July 1991, an Iranian tank was observed behind the Shukr boundary control post at geographical coordinates 539236 in the area of separation in the central sector (map of Qasr-e Shirin).

9. At 0800 hours on 27 July 1991, an Iranian military helicopter was observed hovering over Naft-e Shah for five minutes at intermediate altitude at geographical coordinates 456647 in the central sector (map of Khanaqin).

10. At 0825 hours on 27 July 1991, an Iranian helicopter was observed coming from the Iranian rear; it hovered over the Khusrawi control post at geographical coordinates 4305 and circled the control post twice inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Khanaqin).

11. At 0835 hours on 27 July 1991, an Iranian helicopter was observed landing near Qasr-e Shirin in the central sector (map of Qasr-e Shirin).

12. At 0930 hours on 27 July 1991, an Iranian bulldozer was observed altering the southern geographical slope of Jabal al-Azan at geographical coordinates 691221 in the area of separation in the central sector (map of Qasr-e Shirin).

13. At 1955 hours on 27 July 1991, the Iranian side fired 120-mm and 82-mm mortars at our units at Uqdat Ujayridah at geographical coordinates 483645, and 20 mortar shells fell in the southern sector (map of Al-Baydah).

14. At 0930 hours on 28 July 1991, the Iranian side bombarded our units at Uqdat Ujayridah at geographical coordinates 483645 with 82-mm mortars, and 15 mortar shells fell in the southern sector (map of Al-Baydah).

15. At 0700 hours on 28 July 1991, an Iranian helicopter was observed coming from the Iranian rear and landing in the Naft-e Shah area at geographical coordinates 456647. At 0703 hours, it returned to the Iranian rear inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Khanaqin).

16. At 0830 hours on 28 July 1991, an Iranian helicopter was observed coming from the Iranian rear and landing at Qasr-e Shirin. At 1240 hours, it returned to the Iranian rear inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Qasr-e Shirin).

17. At 1815 hours on 28 July 1991, an Iranian armoured vehicle with a 106-mm cannon was observed on the public highway. It came to a halt to the right of the public highway at geographical coordinates 543423 inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Qasr-e Shirin).

18. At 1750 hours on 29 July 1991, 10 Iranians were observed strengthening a communications trench around the Shukr border control post at geographical

coordinates 538236 inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Qasr-e Shirin).

19. At 0815 hours on 28 July 1991, an Iranian helicopter was observed coming from the Iranian rear towards the slope of Zayn al-Qaws. It continued to fly for a period of five minutes at low altitude and medium speed and then returned to the Iranian rear inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Kani Bazz).

20. At 0800 hours on 29 July 1991, a vehicle of the Land Cruiser pick-up type belonging to the Iranian side was observed coming from the Iranian rear carrying six armed persons together with their equipment. They alighted from it and proceeded to occupy a rest bunker at geographical coordinates 501517. At the same time, seven persons proceeded to occupy a new position to the north of the Sanubah slope at geographical coordinates 496521 inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Mandali).

21. Between 0600 and 0730 hours on 30 July 1991, a bucket-wheel excavator belonging to the Iranian side was observed digging a number of personnel shelters at geographical coordinates 513505 inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Mandali).

22. At 1800 hours on 30 July 1991, seven Iranians were observed fortifying an old and abandoned position opposite the Muthanna control post at coordinates 510268 inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Qasr-e Shirin).

23. At 1900 hours on 30 July 1991, a number of Iranian soldiers were observed building a guard post opposite the Tuwayriq control post at geographical coordinates 588236 inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Qasr-e Shirin).

24. At 0700 hours on 1 August 1991, six Iranians were observed digging slit trenches, gathering corrugated iron sheets and building a monitoring post at geographical coordinates 501517 inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Mandali).

25. At 0845 hours on 2 August 1991, 10 Iranians were observed engaged in fortification works at a position opposite the Tuwayriq control post at geographical coordinates 572228 inside the area of separation in the central sector (map of Qasr-e Shirin).

The fact that the Iranian authorities are continuing to commit infractions and violations constitutes a breach of the provisions of the cease-fire between the two countries and can be considered as proof of the insincerity of the intentions of the Iranian regime towards the achievement of peace with Iraq.

In calling your attention to the foregoing, we request you to take the appropriate measures to warn the Iranian side against the consequences of its repeating such violations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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